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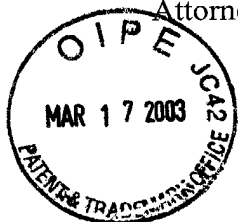
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1637**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Evans et al.	Confirmation No.:	2302
Appl. No.:	09/829,113	Group Art Unit:	1637
Filed:	April 9, 2001	Examiner:	Jeffrey N. Fredman
For:	HAPLOTYPING METHOD FOR MULTIPLE DISTAL NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS		

March 11, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, Lines 1 through 4, with the following paragraph:

**FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT**

This invention was made in part with U.S. Government support under National Institutes of Health grants GM 61393, R37 CA36401 and R01 CA78224, and Cancer Center support grant CA21765. The Government may have certain rights in this invention.